1	2	3	4
	Takarjala Road (21 km)		
20.	Improvement of Khowai to Asharambari Road (24 km)	25.16	Not retained
21.	Improvement of Rajnagar to Gourangabazar Road (25 km)	32.06	Not retained
22.	Improvement of Damcherra-Thumcharrai -Joyshree-Kanchanpur Road (27 km)	28.64	Not retained
23.	Improvement of Manu-Dhumacherra-Kancanbari-Fatikroy Road (28 km)	38.07	Not retained
24.	Improvement of Mailak-Gamukabarivia Burbaria Road (7.5 km)	14.73	Retained@
	TOTAL:	517.63	

#Were retained for techno-economic examination but dropped at the request from the State Government

@Retained for techno-economic examination

NEC projects

1043. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the NEC projects put forward by each of the N-E States during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 uptil now;

(b) the names of those accepted by the department;

(c) the status of the projects for which the funds are released; and

(d) the reasons where the funds are not released, though the projects are accepted?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) The information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Safety on railway tracks

1044. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the number of students killed under the wheels of trains on railway tracks in North Bengal and the adjacent forest areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, area-wise; and

(c) the steps Government is taking for safety of elephants from trains passing through Golambha, Sukuna and Baksa regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Ministry do not collate information of students death by trains. However, it is aware of elephant deaths and as per information received from the State Government, 17 elephants have been killed and one injured in train accidents in North

Bengal and adjacent forest areas between year 2000 to 2007. Details of the accidents is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Pursuant to Hon'ble High Court of Kolkatta order dated 12.7.2002, an Expert Committee was constituted to recommend measures for conservation of wildlife including safety of elephants in the area. The Expert Committee made several recommendations which have been implemented by the Railway authorities. In consultation with the State Government, the Railways have been further requested to introduce speed limit in four vulnerable sections identified between Siliguri and Alipurdwar sections for the safety of the elephants.

Statement

Details of train accidents in North Bengal and adjacent forest areas during 2000-2007.

Dt of occurrence	Place of occurrence	Animal died	Number	Cause of death
1	2	3	4	5
8.08.2000	Titi-4, Jaldapara WLS	Elephant (Calf)	1 no.	Dashed by train
22.08.2000	Chapramari WLS	Male (Tusker)	1 no.	Dashed by Inter-City Express
11.10.2000	Wildlife-II Divn. Gorumara (N) range	Elephant (female)	1 no.	Dashed by Inter-City Express
9.06.2001	RVK (MG) Station at SRVK-16 of BTR (W) Divn.	Adult female	1 no.	Dashed by Goods train (07.06.2001)
4.10.2001	In between 393 & 394 km post of Railway near Mongpong	Baby Elephant (6-12 days	1 no.	Dashed by Rly Engine
7.02.2002	In between Chalsa & Nagrakata Rly. Stn. beside Chapramari Rly. stn.	1 no adult tusker, 1 no sub-adult male 1 no. sub adult male	3 no.	Collided with Inter-City Express
10.10.2002	Gorumara North Range	Female	1 no.	Dashed by train
16.3.2004	Near Gulma Khola Cabin, Wildlife-I	Female	1 no.	Dashed by a goods train
27.6.2004	In between Piyardoba & Bishnupur Rly Stn Near Valuka village, Panchet Soil Conservation Divn.	sub-adult male	1 no.	Dashed by Chakradharpur Passenger
28.5.2006	Between Damanpur and Rajabhatkh-awa in Buxa Tiger Reserve	Male, Tusker	1 no.	Dashed by Mahananda Link Express
29.5.2006	Between Damdim and Mal station in Jalpaiguri dist. Rly km post 51/2	1 female injured	1 no. injured	Dashed by 625 UP passenger train
29.5.2007	Between Damdim and Mal station in Jalpaiguri dist. Rly km post 51/3-4	Adult-Female	1 no.	Dashed by Mahananda link express
13.11.2006	In between Hasimara and Madarihat, near Km post 123/7	Male, Makna	1 no.	Dashed by goods Train UP-16748, M/PCL Special Railway cargo

1	2	3	4	5
18.11.2006	Railway kilometer no. 32/9 Compt. No. 9 under Mongpong Block of Mongpong Beat of Chel Range	Male, Tusker	1 no.	Train No. VP 643 DN Military
11.04.2007	Near Gagopara Railway Station	Male, makna	1 no.	Special Train
28.7.2007	Near Gulma railway station between Gulma and Sevoke Railway Station	Male, calf (2-3 years)	1 no.	5641 UP Guwahati Jhanjha express

Kalptaru tree in Orissa

1045. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Kalpatru tree in Orissa is at the verge of falling;

(b) if so, the steps taken to protect it from falling;

(c) the location of existing Kalpatru trees which have huge medicinal values and adored by the Hindus and Muslims in India;

(d) The special steps which are being taken for their upkeep and proper maintenance; and

(e) in what way their number could be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No tree called "Kalptaru" is found in Orissa. However, *Ficus bengalensis* is commonly called "bara", "bata" or "Kalpabata" in the State. This tree species is not faced with extinction in Orissa.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The "Kalpabata" is sparsely distributed in most of the forest areas of the state except above altitude of about 1000 metres. It is also available sporadically in villages particularly within temple premises.

(d) As of now, this tree species does not require any special steps for upkeep and maintenance.

(e) This tree species can be propagated through seeds or through cuttings. It is being planted as avenue plantation and in villages on common land.

Compensatory aforestation

1046. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of land received by his Ministry for compensatory aforestation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the various forms of aforestation and re-vegetation undertaken by the Department;